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Presentation Outline

- Project Context
- Data Aquistion
- Reservoir
 Characterization
- Storage Feasibility



CarbonSAFE Illinois – Macon County CO₂ Sources

- 10's of MT/y CO₂
- Variety of industries
- Recent increased interest in storage
- Opportunity to greatly improve commercialization decisions by defining storage resource



Mt Simon Sandstone Storage Complex

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Data Acquisition

- Well drilled
- Full core, sidewall core, cuttings
- Petrography, XRD,CT scans
- Extensive suite of geophysical logs
- VSP (2D walkaway and 0 offset)
- 2D Seismic ~ 30 km
- Well testing ongoing





Characterization Well: T.R.McMillen #2

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Sample Collection: T.R.McMillen #2

- Drilling completed December 2, 2018
- TD at 6,469 ft
- 150 feet of 3.5 inch core:
 - Silurian 62 ft
 - Lower Mt Simon 61
 - Precambrian 27
- 109 rotary sidewall cores
- Extensive suite of geophysical logs





Lower Mt Simon Core: 6288-6294 ft

Lower Mt Simon Storage Complex

Porosity averages ~ 20%

Permeability ca 100's of mD Side wall and whole core samples with Darcy permeability (up to 5.5)!

Preliminary simulation indicates CO_2 injection rates of 1.7 Mt/y with 15' perforation





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Depth trends not apparent in Lower Mt Simon





What makes the Lower Mt. Simon such a good reservoir?

- Detrital Source
- Depositional Environment
- Diagenesis

Rifting in Central Illinois



Modified from: Renaut & Ashley 2002



Marshak & Paulsen 1996

Crustal thinning, faulting, and development of localized depocenters during rifting. Precambrian highs are a local source of arkose.

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			Eau Claire Top
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Mazatzai Province ≈ 1.65 Ga			
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McMillen #2

T.R.



Rift Fan Delta Sediments (Argenta)



Poorly sorted grains with abundant pore filling clay

Highly angular immature detritus





Alluvial-Fluvial-Eolian Near-shore (Lower Mt. Simon)



Moderately well sorted grains with open enlarged pores

Well rounded grains with abundant intragranular pore space



Tidal (Upper Mt. Simon)



Bimodal, mature grains. Pores are generally small due to fine grains and/or abundant quartz/feldspar cement

All grains (including feldspars) have authigenic cement overgrowths



Geological Controls over Storage Complex Distribution





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Diagenesis of the Mt. Simon and Pore Space Paragenesis

Most grains have early clay coatings



Clay coatings prevent the nucleation of major authigenic quartz overgrowths



Grains coated in illite. Illite is webby and nucleation points on quartz grains are small. Thus authigenic quartz crystals are small but act as a cement to prevent extensive compaction preserving primary porosity.



When clay coating are absent, entire surface of quartz grains acts as nucleation point and large quartz overgrowths nucleate and close up pore space

Diagenesis of the Mt. Simon and Pore Space Paragenesis

Another major contributor to porosity in the Mt. Simon is secondary porosity



Feldspar dissolution is a late stage event and is a major contributor to porosity



Partial dissolution of feldspar



Complete dissolution of feldspar with clay cast and large secondary pore

Reservoir Characterization: Vertical Seismic Profiles



Reservoir Characterization: VSP





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Reservoir Characterization: Porosity 2D Seismic Line - inversion











Dynamic

Modeling

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CarbonSAFE Macon Achievements to Date

- Completed most of site data acquisition; analyses and interpretation ongoing
- NRAP tools
- Conceptual model for Mt Simon Storage Complex (regionally)
- Site specific characterization indicates high quality reservoir for CO₂ storage
- Preliminary analyses suggest site can accommodate >50 Mt CO₂ over 30 years
- Industry interest is high and multiple sources can exploit the Mt Simon Storage Complex in central Illinois

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